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**TRAIL SHELTER**

With the weather getting warmer and the snow gone, hopefully for a while, it is time to get out and enjoy the outdoors. Above is the shelter on the Central Lakes Trail in Evansville. There are shelters in the towns the trail runs through, including Brandon and Garfield.

## Evansville Council discusses fire department policy

The Evansville City Council at its April 13 meeting discussed a personnel policy for the city's fire department.

There used to be a policy for the fire department but that was changed recently and the fire department members were no longer under a personnel policy.

Evansville City Clerk Diana Olson said she has contacted the League of Minnesota Cities which informed her the fire department members should be under the city's personnel policy which covers city employees

since the department members are employees of the city.

The issue will be taken up at the council's May meeting.

Also at the meeting the council decided on the amount to be assessed on property owners in the city which have not completed an inspection of their connections to the city's sanitary sewer lines.

The city is requiring the inspections to be completed to help with the problem of inflow and infiltration, which is clear water leaking into the

city's sanitary sewer causing more water than necessary to be treated.

Property owners who have not completed the inspections will be fined \$100 per month until the inspection is completed.

There area about 75 lines which still need to be inspected in the city.

During the meeting there was a report from the Evansville Fire Department in which it was announced the department will be purchasing a 14-foot trailer

for \$5,000. The trailer will be used to haul the department's side-by-side to fires when it is needed.

The city's board of review was held April 14 with no one showing up for it.

The council approved using Executive Sanitation for the port-a-potties at the city park and the shelter on the Central Lakes Trail.

The next meeting of the council will be May 11 at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall.

## Brandon-Evansville Board hears March financial report

The Brandon-Evansville School Board at its April 20 meeting heard a financial report for the district for March.

The report showed a beginning balance of \$4,390,589.03 with receipts for the month at \$1,020,698.60.

The receipts included \$855,442.61 from state and federal sources with \$156,744.75 from local sources and \$8,511.24 in interest.

Disbursements for the month amounted to \$737,667.27.

The largest disbursement was \$289,761.33 for March wire transfers.

Other disbursements included \$264,907.91 for net payroll; \$165,763.41 for March checks; \$21,937.39 for end of March checks; and \$277.23 for bank charges.

The ending balance for the month was \$4,673,620.36. The prior year end of month balance was \$4,363,579.64.

Fund balances for the dis-

trict for the month included \$4,109,972.69 for the general fund; \$9,247.92 for food service; \$285,542.70 for the debt service fund; and \$145,560.76 for the student activities fund. The building construction fund had a negative balance of \$38,600.47.

The district also received donations during the month. They included: Evansville Fire Department, \$750, \$1,500, and \$1,600; Leaf Valley Game,

\$2,500; Brandon Fin and Feather, \$4,650, \$3,000 and \$200; Brandon Fire Department, \$2,000, \$750; Millerville Fire Department, \$500, \$750, and \$500; Evansville Care Campus, \$100; Brandon Lions, \$2,000; Millerville Sportsmen, \$2,250; Evansville Sportsmen, \$2,250 and \$2,000

The next regular meeting of the board will be May 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Brandon School conference room.

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**April 23**

Osakis - Traffic stop. Obstructed item.

Nelson - Traffic stop. Failure to maintain lane.

Carlos - School patrol.

Alexandria - Attempted fraud. Complainant sent a wire transfer online for crypto and thinks it may be a scam.

Alexandria - Fraud. Complainant states he received a call from someone who had her Social Security number and told her that they were with a bank and that she is the victim of fraud. Complainant states they told her to reach out to three different phone

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Runestone Electric Association held its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 22,

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# Growing Green with Extension Educator Robin Trott



## Spring Lawn Care: What to Do Now (and What to Skip)

We've had our fair share of weather whiplash this month, but one thing is clear, our lawns are loving the moisture and greening up fast. That fresh green carpet makes it hard not to jump right in and start working on the lawn. In northern Minnesota, though, a little patience goes a long way and knowing what to do, and what to skip, can save time and trouble later in the season.

### What to Do Rake lightly

Once the soil is no longer soggy, gently rake to remove leaves, debris, and matted grass, especially where snow mold is visible. This improves air flow

and supports natural recovery. Avoid aggressive raking, which can damage soft turf and wet soil.

### Be patient with snow mold

Gray or pink patches look alarming but rarely kill grass. Light raking and time are usually all that's needed. Fungicides applied in spring won't help.

### Mow early, but carefully

When grass reaches about 3½ to 4 inches and the ground is firm, mowing can help dry the lawn. Keep blades sharp and mower height high. Never mow wet turf.

### Overseed only where needed

If winter left bare patches, smallscale overseeding can help once soil temperatures

reach about 50°F. Keep expectations realistic, spring seedings face stiff weed competition. Larger overseeding projects are best saved for late August or early September.

### What to Skip Rolling the lawn

Rolling compacts wet soil and damages roots. Frostheaved areas usually settle on their own as soils dry.

### Early spring aeration

Unless soil compaction is severe, spring aeration does more harm than good by stressing turf and encouraging weeds. Late summer or fall is the ideal time.

### Heavy early fertilization

Fertilizing too early promotes leaf growth before roots are ready, increasing disease risk and reducing drought tolerance. Wait until grass is actively growing, usually midMay, or plan to fertilize more heavily in fall.

### Trying to fix everything at once

Spring is not the time for de-thatching, multiple treatments,

or aggressive weed control. Those efforts often backfire in our climate.

### Spring Lawn Care Takeaways

- Wait until soil firms up before working the lawn
- Rake gently; avoid compacting wet soil
- Mow high and only when grass is dry
- Overseed bare spots only after soils warm
- Save major lawn projects for late summer or fall

Spring is a recovery season, not a renovation season. Lawns that are lightly cleaned up and left alone often outperform those that are heavily "worked." Patience now pays off all summer long.

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# May opens and closes with full moons

By Deane Morrison

May opens and closes with full moons, but both make it hard to catch their moment of perfect fullness.

On May Day that moment arrives near noon, when the moon won't be visible from Minnesota. And on the 31st, perfect fullness comes at 3:45 a.m., when few of us are up. But there's a silver lining here. Because we'll have two full moons in a calendar month, the second one qualifies as a blue moon.

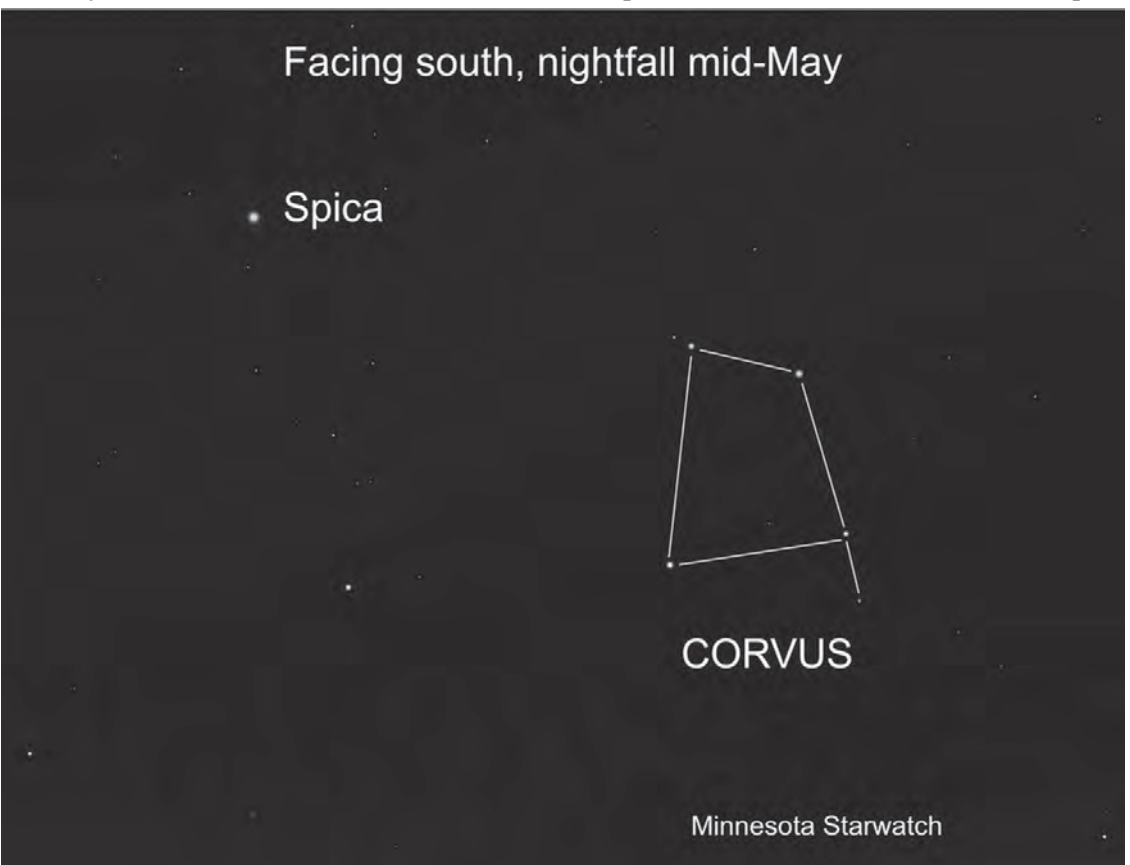
Evening viewers may catch Venus blazing through the sun's afterglow in the west-northwest, or lighting up a dark sky for a short time after

the afterglow fades. Two bright objects stand out above Venus. To the right is Capella, in the constellation Auriga, the charioteer. To the left shines Jupiter, which is on course to drop past Venus in June.

The spring constellation Leo, the lion, comes out high in the south early in May and ends the month high in the southwest. On the 22nd, a nearly first quarter moon visits Regulus, the bright star marking the lion's heart. Below and east of Leo glimmers Spica, the only bright star in Virgo, the maiden. You'll probably need a star chart to find Virgo, but not Corvus, the crow, a quadrangle of stars just below and west of Spica.

High in the southeast shines Arcturus, in the constellation Bootes, the herdsman. The brightest star in the northern hemisphere of sky, Arcturus can be found by extending the curve of the Big Dipper's handle. Its closest rival in brightness is Vega, in the constellation Lyra, the lyre of the mythical Greek musician Orpheus.

Vega is now in the morning sky, along with the other stars of the big Summer Triangle: Altair, in Aquila, the eagle; and Deneb, in Cygnus, the swan. While you're up, look near the southeastern horizon for Antares, the red heart of the summer constellation Scorpius.



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# Now and Then

Excerpts from the Evansville Historical Foundation Archives

## 113 & 123 Years Ago – 1903 & 1913

Evansville Enterprise  
It is becoming quite common for people in Evansville to allow their cows and horses to run loose. It should be remembered that an ordinance exists whereby loose stock may be taken up and held until the owner calls and pays a fine. It should not be necessary for property owners to fence against loose stock and it will not be necessary if the attention of the village marshal is called to one or two cases.

Nothing has been done to prevent horses and cattle from running at large for two or three years, which seems to have encouraged the practice until it has become a public nuisance. The Enterprise editor is in receipt of an invitation from Governor and Mrs. Eberhart to attend the inaugural reception held at the state capitol. We thank the governor and regret very much that we could not be present.

The design of the new nickel that will take the place of the 5-cent coin now in circulation will soon be perfected by Secretary of the Treasury MacVeigh. An Indian head will adorn the face of the new coin and the figure of a buffalo – linked together in American history.

## 50 Years Ago – 1976

Evansville Booster  
EHS Tigerettes Compete In Triangular Track Meet

The EHS Tigerettes traveled to Brandon for a triangular track meet with Asby and Brandon. Girls finishing in first are as follows: Carol Anderson – 100-yard dash, Sonja Johnson – 80-yard dash. 2nd place: Cathy Beck, Shelby Englund, Cynthia Schroeder and Carol Anderson – 80-yard relay, Shelby Englund – Long jump, Cynthia Schroeder – High jump. 3rd place: Sonja Johnson, Joan Anderson, Lori Grove, Cynthia Schroeder – 440-yard relay, Cindy Biederman, Deb Alstead, Julie Johnson, Laura Josephs – Mile relay, Lori Grove – Discuss, Jeanette Josephs – 800-yard run.

## 25 Years Ago - 2001

West Douglas County Record

## Each year the DNR coordinates tree planting on manged lands

Each year, DNR foresters coordinate tree plantings in state forests, wildlife management areas, state parks, and other DNR-managed lands. This spring, 14 species will be planted on more than 3,000 acres throughout the state, including several varieties of pine, spruce and oak, as well as yellow birch, sugar maple, black walnut and tamarack.

B-E baseball team opens with three wins

Having to play a home game away from its home field did not bother the Brandon-Evansville baseball team as it finally opened the season in Millerville against West Central Area and ended the day with a 13-1 win.

The Chargers received three strong innings from Michael Bruns who picked up the win with six strikeouts and two walks. B-E had seven hits in the contest with two each from Jake Klein and Nick McFarlane and single hits from Tyler Budke, Nate Meissner and Ryan Gimbel. Dan Helder finished the contest for B-E striking out four and walking one.

The Chargers swept a doubleheader from Ortonville, winning the first contest 3-2 and the second 13-3. The chargers staged a two-out rally with Nick McFarlane getting a two-run double and Michael Bruns an RBI single.

Nate Meissner picked up the win for B-E going six innings allowing three hits and getting seven strikeouts. The Chargers finished the game with six hits with McFarlane getting two and Bruns, Meissner, Chris Shea and Tyler Budke getting one each. The Chargers used an 11-run fifth inning to pick up its second win of the day, 13-3. Shea had four RBI and Budke three in the contest. Shea also picked up the win, going five innings with three strikeouts and five hits.

The Chargers had 11 hits in the contest with Shea getting three, and McFarlane, Budke and Ryan Gimbel two each with Meissner and Orion Olsen getting one each.

Bryan Poyzer selected as Evansville School's "Teacher of the Year" for 2000-2001

Mr. Poyzer is in his 6th year of teaching at EHS after spending three years teaching in Milnor, ND. Over the past three years he has directed two high school musicals, served as Evansville Education Association president & vice president and managed a high school music festival which brought all the musicians in the sub-section

These reforestation efforts are led by the DNR's Silviculture Program. Silviculture is the art and science of growing and tending forests to serve a variety of goals, including clean air and water, recreation opportunities, healthy wildlife habitat, biodiversity and timber productivity. Foresters consider current characteristics, climate

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to Evansville last spring. He recently received his Masters degree from the University of St. Thomas. He and his wife Jessica have four children. "I don't deserve this any more than any other teach on staff at EHS. I often feel get TOO much credit because my students get 'showcased' every few months

## May EAC exhibit will feature art works from B-E students

The May exhibit in the Evansville Art Center Gallery features works created by Brandon-Evansville Middle School and High School art students who have been taught by Visual Arts Educator Michelle Firchau. It is a wonderfully diverse collection from incredibly talented individuals!

The exhibit runs from May 1 through May 22 and can be seen during regular gallery hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Fridays

to the public at concerts. Other teachers don't have that luxury.

Winter hours: Tuesdays only, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Summer hours: Monday-Thursday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm scheduled to begin May 4 (Weather permitting)

Additional hours are available by appointment.

and Saturdays or by special appointment. More information can be found at: <https://www.evansvilleartcenter.org/>

There will be an open house on Friday, May 8 from 4-7 p.m. Stop in, view the exhibition, and visit with the artists!

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- Brandon City, Brandon City Office, April 15-April 30, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
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numbers. Complainant has questions about the situation. Complainant on her way in to the sheriff's office to speak with a deputy in person.

Milona - School patrol.  
Alexandria - Complainant states there was a fish house stolen off of the lot this morning.

Lake Winona - TV on the east side of the road in the water just on the bend of the road Winona Road SW. Unable to locate TV. Tried calling complainant to get a better location but got no answer.

Carlos - Domestic. Father and 14-year-old son verbally fighting. Verbal child custody disagreement. Nothing physical and no probable cause for anything.

Alexandria - Physical domestic. Female party, passed mental health, striking husband.

Alexandria - Young female, pink tank top, bow ties, Minnie Mouse shorts, ran away from person one. Doesn't sound like she wants to go with him.

Alexandria - One-year-old in and out of consciousness. In white Chevy Transverse.

Alexandria - Complainant wants a complaint filed about semis being parked on dirt roads to fields. Advised him that farmers are going to have to use the road for field prep.

Carlos - Vehicles at house.

Carlos - Traffic stop. By railroad tracks. Failure to signal and unable to read license plate.

Alexandria - Traffic stop. Citation issued for failure to drive with due care.

Alexandria - Complainant is son to person one. Person one has been possibly scammed out of \$35,000. Person one is very defensive of the situation and believes what they're doing is correct. Person one is supposed to be receiving a call later tonight about sending more money.

Osakis - I-94, mile marker 112. Older Dodge pickup. Silver, no plates.

**April 24**

Alexandria - Patrol activity. Extra patrol.

Carlos - School patrol.

Osakis - Education. Drug presentation.

Alexandria - Driving complaint. Chevy pickup, swerved to the right, then would drive straight again, speeds about 50mph. Transferred to state patrol.

Alexandria - I-94, mile marker 95. East bound, all over the road, passed onto state patrol. Out of position. Info given to state patrol.

Alexandria - Party has not been heard from in a few days which is unusual for him and is not at his residence in Pelican Rapids. He is believed to be driving a red F-350. If located, please check welfare. Contact CNA/Otter Tail County.

Milona - Complainant in the

lobby saying that his soon-to-be ex wife is trying to break into his house. She was seen at the house at 11:57 a.m. Advised complainant it is a civil matter and to finalize divorce. He said he just retained a lawyer and will hopefully make progress on that soon.

Alexandria - Traffic stop. Verbal warning for illegal passing on the right.

Garfield - Person one lives with complainant and complainant's son. Goes off the deep end. Complainant was advised of options.

Brandon - I-94, mile marker 90. Behind black cab semi all over the road. Hauling grain. Eastbound. Almost hit three or four cars. Transferred to state patrol.

Alexandria - Box spring, mattress and dresser's destroyed. Other items from storage unit missing. Red Toyota Tundra and Black Ford F-150. Person one stored property in person two's storage unit. Person one discovered her property missing and what remained is destroyed.

Lake Reno - Requesting deputies at Lake Reno access. Assisted. Persons three and four arrested.

Osakis - Two-vehicle accident, unknown injuries. Blocking. Assisted with traffic. Assisted with lights.

Alexandria - Vehicle one was used in a pursuit in Pope and Stevens counties. Person one left on foot and they believe that vehicle one may go to person one's address. Starbuck PD. Checking known areas of people in the log. Vehicle might be at one of those locations.

Alexandria - Suspicious person. Out with one male. Spoke with person one about riding his electric motorcycle on the trail and in the park.

Osakis - 78-year-old male fell, split his head open, conscious and breathing. Stopped the bleeding.

Alexandria - Called in saying there was a bunch of trucks at the park being loud. Was in the area due to an earlier tip. About 100 trucks but all being decent. Cleared out by 10 p.m.

Alexandria - Spoke with two juveniles about truck meet up here. Advised of recent complaint.

Alexandria - Advised juveniles in lot of Brophy Park hours. Also advised that unlawful activity will be cited.

Alexandria - Traffic stop. Verbal warning for unreasonable acceleration.

Alexandria - Traffic stop. Arrested person one for felon in possession of firearm.

**April 25**

Alexandria - Complainant's husband went for a drive last night around 7 or 8 p.m. after being frustrated with work and life. Been very stressed lately. Complainant last heard from him about 10-15 minutes ago stating his truck broke down

that he was waiting for it to cool down. This is very uncommon for him. Unsure if he is suicidal. Unsure if there is a handgun in his possession.

Alexandria - Complainant called in saying person one punched the window and tried to assault them, took off in an unknown white vehicle. Person one arrested for fleeing and DWI refusal.

Carlos - Complainant was cutting down a tree and it is now leaning towards the house. Looking for advice on how to handle situation. Dispatch advised him to call a tree service. Offered resources to complainant.

Alexandria - Complainant stating a young child on a

bike all over the road. Headed west. Blue bike, blue helmet, red sweater. Checked the area.

Alexandria - Suspicious person. Male urinating on side of the road. Person one said he wasn't going to make it home in time. Spoke with person one about finding a better spot to empty and potential consequences.

Osakis - Has questions about trespassing. Answered questions regarding trespassing someone from their property.

Evansville - I-94, mile marker 86. Flat bed truck with large amounts of smoke. Westbound. Transferred to state patrol.


Kensington - Complainant stating someone dropped off a porta-potty on his property.

Complainant called the company. They placed it on the wrong property.

Alexandria - Requesting extra patrol around the dealership. Had a person walking around the lot looking into vehicles and the building the night before around midnight.

Alexandria - Driving complaint. Report of a vehicle driving on the trail. All vehicles were gone upon arrival.

Farwell - Shooting complaint. Complainant has heard multiple bursts of possible gunfire. At least three rounds and 15 shots. Complainant stated he heard these north of him. Checked the area and all was silent.



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Evansville the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

LUND TOWNSHIP meetings are the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Lund Townhall in Melby.

THE EVANSVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Evansville City Hall at 7 p.m.

THE BRANDON TOWNSHIP holds its monthly meetings on the 3rd Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Brandon Township Hall at 106 Mallard Lane, Brandon. The exceptions are that in January and February, the monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday due to legal holidays.

THE URNESS TOWN BOARD meets the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Town Hall.

AREA MEETINGS: Evansville City Council, second Monday, 6:30 p.m.; Brandon City Council, second Monday, 6:30 p.m.; Brandon-Evansville School Board, third Monday in Brandon School Conference room, at 7 p.m.

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# Charger baseball team gets three more wins

The Brandon-Evansville baseball team continued its winning ways April 23 by taking two games from Little Eight Conference foe Border West in Evansville.

## B-E 9, Border West 2

In the first game Bryce Froemming had four RBI with a three-run homer in the third inning and a sacrifice fly in the fourth stanza.

The game was scoreless for the first two frames with B-E getting six runs in the third.

Evan Dingwall singled to score one run followed by Froemming's home run. Colton Breikreutz then doubled in a run and Simon Quinn singled in a run.

B-E added two runs in the fourth and one in the fifth for a 9-2 win.

Landon Sullivan struck out 12 batters in the game. He allowed two hits and two runs over five innings. Jack Kelly finished the contest for the Chargers.

"Landon Sullivan had a big day for us on the mound with four shutout innings to start the game and the offense put together a big third inning that allowed us to play with a cushion. We were fortunate to have a balanced attack on offense and were able to put runners on in every inning. Bryce Froemming's home run in the third helped swing the momentum in our favor and the defense was able to make plays late in the game to close things out," said B-E Coach Brian Perleberg.

Logan Hennessy took the loss for Border West. He went four and two-thirds innings with nine runs on 12 hits and four strikeouts.

Seth Thoennes and Dingwall each had three hits for the Chargers. Quinn had two stolen bases for the Chargers.

Teague Nachbor had two hits for Border West with Brock Martig getting one hit and two RBI for the visitors.

## B-E 5, Border West 2

The Chargers were the visiting team in the second contest.

The Bucs put the first run on the board in the bottom of the first on a wild pitch.

In the top of the second Ryder Baune singled to help the Chargers tie the contest.

Border West came up with a run in the bottom of the third to re-take the lead with a run scored on an error.

The game was scoreless in the fourth and fifth innings.

In the sixth frame Dingwall hit a sacrifice fly with Froemming and Breikreutz getting RBI singles for a 4-2 lead.

B-E added one run in the top of the seventh for a 5-2 win.

Aidyn Meissner earned the win for B-E. He allowed one hit and struck out nine. Oakley Gilsdorf took the loss with two strikeouts.

"It was exciting to see Aidyn

Meissner get his first varsity start on the mound and he did a great job. He worked through some tense situations while keeping his composure and battling some difficult weather conditions. Ryder Baune came on in relief in the 6th and delivered two quality innings to hold the lead and seal the win. Evan Dingwall made an amazing diving play in the bottom of the 7th after a leadoff double that may have saved game for us. Border West played very well and kept battling until the final out, forcing us to play through some uncomfortable situations. All in all, we are very excited to come away with a couple wins against a gritty opponent," said the coach.

B-E finished with 11 hits in the game. Dingwall had two hits and two RBI. Also getting hits were Kelly and Thoennes.

## B-E 13, Pelican Rapids 2

The Chargers travelled to take on Pelican Rapids April 24.

The Charges put single runs on the board in the first two innings adding two in the third, three in the fourth, four in the fifth and two in the sixth for a 13-2 win.

Dingwall had four hits for B-E with singles in the first, third, fourth and fifth stanzas.

## People are good at judging water quality

Regular people are pretty good at judging water quality, and new research from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) proves it.

In an academic paper published in February, MPCA scientists studied 35 years of data, stretching from 1987 to 2022, from 3,337 Minnesota lakes. The data records how volunteer water monitors, MPCA samplers, and MPCA partners judge lakes by appearance, and how they judge suitability for recreation such as wading, swimming, or boating. In the new paper, the MPCA compares these observations with water-quality measurements the agency collected.

"We knew we had years - decades, really - of this observational data," said Lee Engel, an aquatic biologist and supervisor in the MPCA's Environmental Analysis and Outcomes Division. "The question was: What is the value of it? Does it correlate with actual water chemistry measurements like phosphorus or chlorophyll levels?"

The short answer is yes, it does. The results surprised everyone involved.

"We expected the results to be all over the place," Engel said. "But surprisingly, the correlations were extremely strong."

Each season, volunteers in the agency's monitoring program fill out surveys describing how clear water looks and whether the lake seems good for recreation.



B-E's Evan Dingwall laid down a bunt on this at-bat and reached first base safely in the first game against Border West.

Dingwall's single in the first drove in the team's first run of the game.

In the third frame Kelly doubled to center field and an error allowed him to score.

Baune picked up the win for B-E going three innings with six strikeouts. Thoennes came on in relief also striking out six.

"As a team, we were able to put good swings on the ball tonight and did a good job on the base paths. Offensively, we finally were able to string

hits together which is an area we needed to improve on. Ryder Baune and Seth Thoennes shared the pitching duties and both were able to work ahead in the count and located their pitches well. To top things off, Bryce Froemming turned in a web gem on defense making a difficult diving catch in left field in the bottom of the 6th," said Perleberg.

The Chargers had 16 hits in the contest. Froemming had five RBI with two hits.

## The number cruncher

Thirty-five years of data is, to put it simply, a lot. Analyzing about 2 million rows of data from eight separate data sets required an expert number cruncher.

Allison Gamble, the lead author of the report, is a senior research analyst who holds a Ph.D. in aquatic ecology and specializes in large data sets. It took her a year to combine, clean, and analyze the numbers.

"I'm a giant nerd," she said, laughing. "I am willing to spend an inordinate amount of time getting down to, like, why is this one date in this data set not joining with this date in this data set? I like doing that stuff."

Gamble credited the volunteer program with giving her the building blocks she needed.

"I think people are glad to know that we're collecting information that has value, and in fact has high value, because I know that doing field work, I felt like it was an add-on to collect the physical appearance," she said.

Gamble said the findings are a combination of quantitative data, which adds up the numbers, and qualitative data, which sums up people's feelings.

"I would say the study was serendipitous too," she said. "When the MPCA started collecting appearance data, it was not with any specific goal in mind. Yet we have ended up with this extensive data set that

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Kelly, Breikreutz, Thoennes and Baune each collected multiple hits for the team.

B-E had 12 stolen bases in the game. Breikreutz and Dingwall each had multiple stolen bases.

The wins keep the Chargers undefeated this season.

The next contest for the Chargers will be against LP-GE in Evansville May 1 at 5 p.m.

## Public notice

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS  
DISTRICT COURT  
SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
Court File No. 21-PR-26-626  
In Re: David Lee Danielowski,  
Decedent.

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on \*June 1, 2026 at 4 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at the Douglas County Courthouse, 305 Eighth Avenue West, Alexandria, Minnesota 56308, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirs of the decedent, and for the appointment of Jon Danielowski as personal representative of the decedent's estate in an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the estate, including the power to collect all assets; to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; to sell real and personal property; and to do all necessary acts for the estate.

Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

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Minnesota sets lake water-quality standards based on ecological regions (ecoregions) because lakes in different parts of the state vary in their characteristics. Minnesota's geography is diverse, with lakes distributed based on how glaciers shaped the landscape long ago. Scientists divided the state into three ecoregions: northern lakes and forests; the central hardwood forest region, which includes Minneapolis, Saint Paul, and St. Cloud, as well as agriculture and deciduous forest; and the more agricultural southern portion of the state.

"Regardless of the region, volunteers' reports and those from MPCA staff tended to match the formal water quality results about whether a lake is meeting standards for nutrients and algae," said Jesse Anderson, a research scientist for the MPCA's water quality monitoring unit and report coauthor. He's a limnologist and hydrologist, meaning he's an expert at the science of inland waters, and of how water moves.

Both volunteers and professional staff record observations

during site visits. They assign a value of 1-5 for physical appearance and recreational suitability. A "one" means pristine, beautiful water; a "five" would be algae-covered, murky water a person wouldn't want to touch.

"Minnesota's water quality standards for lakes are meant to align with that same 1-to-5 scale," Anderson said. "So seeing that the chemistry matched these observations, and that both aligned with our standards, was really powerful. It showed that these different ways of measuring water quality are reinforcing each other, not contradicting each other."

One key takeaway is that this work reaffirms that volunteers' simple observations are worthwhile, Engel said. While chemistry provides the most precise answers, visual assessments are the next best thing, especially in places where the MPCA can't easily collect samples. Minnesota has thousands of lakes, including remote areas such as the boundary waters, where MPCA staff can't regularly visit. But volunteers can, and their observations provide meaningful insight into those bodies of water.

Although the data align, one difference is that judgment differs by region. In areas of the state that usually see very little algae, people are less tolerant of it. In areas where algae are more common, people are more tolerant of it.

**Looking forward to the 2026 season**

Going forward, there could be ways to look at locations with 20-plus years of data and determine whether water quality changes with the seasons, or because of climate change and invasive species. The MPCA will continue to use this information to develop new water quality standards.

Anderson said the team wants to look at individual lakes and see how they might be changing. If a volunteer rated a lake a one or two in the summer of 1988, are we still seeing the same thing 35 years later?

"We want to continue to validate these results and remind people to keep recording them," Anderson said.

All of this has been good news for Waverly Reibel. As a program specialist for the Volunteer Water Monitoring Program, she works with 1,200 volunteers across Minnesota.

She has people signed up in 67 of the state's 80 major watersheds to check both lakes and streams and expressed her appreciation.

"We recognize all the time and effort, all the boat problems volunteers may have had, taking the canoe off the car and loading it into the water, walking down to the stream bank and wading in to their knees, getting a little wet and muddy — all of that," she said.

Reibel works in an annual

cycle of volunteer recruitment, water monitoring, volunteer appreciation, data analysis, and delivering the data to MPCA water-quality staff. This new research bolsters her efforts.

"This data is not just going and sitting in a repository somewhere and never being touched or looked at. This is data that's being utilized, and it is high quality," she said. "It really shows that people care so much about Minnesota's waters."

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## Public notice

### School Board Minutes ISD 2908 Brandon-Evansville Public Schools March 16, 2026

7:00 PM Regular Board Meeting  
Brandon Conference Room  
Call to Order:  
Meeting called to order by Chair Jana Anderson at 7:00 PM. Other Board members present included Stacy Beaumia, Troy Fuller, Andy Mandt, Paul Starke, Jaci Stepan and Rachel Wagner. Also present were Louisa Glenetske, Eric Schoenbauer, Kate Fernholz, Dave Bedore, Travis Gulbrandson, Erika Traphagen, Stephanie Boersma, Ashley Rabehl, Cheryl Gebhardt and Pam Schjei (7:17pm).

Consent Agenda:  
A motion was made by Stepan, seconded by Starke, to approve the consent agenda and approve the minutes from the February 9 regular school board meeting, February 9 board work session, February 11 board work session, financial reports, and payment of bills totaling \$499,880.28. Motion carried unanimously.

Visitors:  
Erika Traphagen is the district's Spanish teacher and also teaches some Physical Education and Credit Recovery courses. She is a graduate of Brandon High School and has been teaching in the district since 2007. This summer, Mrs. Traphagen, 20 students and chaperones will be to London, Paris and Barcelona.

Administrative Reports:  
Mr. Schoenbauer began by congratulating the February Students of the Month for grades 6-12. Recent events included the middle school Snow Ball dance, a mental health speaker in Ashby, Ski/Bowling Day, and Polar Plunge — all of which were successful. The third quarter will end this Friday. The Class of 2026 will depart Saturday for their class trip to Chicago. Upcoming events include the State Art Show, B-E Career Fair and ACT testing. Work is ongoing on next year's class schedule and World Savvy programming.

Mr. Schoenbauer also shared Mr. Hintermeister's report. The quarter ends Friday with the final grade checks taking place on Wednesday. Winter sports have officially concluded, and spring sports are now underway. Students and advisors are preparing for the upcoming musical. A special thank you was given to the archery coaches and students for hosting a successful event in Brandon, which welcomed over 400 archers. Anyone interested in umpiring this spring is encouraged to contact Mr. Hintermeister.

Mrs. Glenetske congratulated the February Students of the Month for grades 2-5. February was "I Love to Read Month," and students demonstrated strong effort and enthusiasm for reading. Lyssa Lovejoy visited the district and worked with students in grades 4-6 on a mural project in the Evansville building. Mrs. Glenetske also reviewed enrollment projections for the 2026-2027 school year and provided a legislative update, including information on compensatory revenue and the impact of solar panels on the district's electricity costs.

Board Reports:  
RAED met earlier this month and is currently reviewing its wish list and establishing future priorities. There are two open positions, and negotiations with non-certified staff have begun.

The Early Education Advisory Council also met earlier tonight. Registration information for the 2026-2027 school year has been distributed, including the offering of free School Readiness programming. ECFE has been collaborating with Lyssa Lovejoy on art projects and has an upcoming field trip planned. Data collection for the Raising a Reader program will begin soon, with next year's focus shifting toward School Readiness. With the receipt of VPK funding, scholarships have been awarded to some Intro to Preschool students.

Discussion Items:  
Mike Wagner obtained two quotes for

a new tractor for the Evansville site. The current tractor would then be reassigned for baseball field maintenance. The Kubota was the lower of the two quotes.  
A lengthy discussion took place regarding grade reconfiguration between the Brandon and Evansville buildings, as well as class scheduling and the potential addition of 1.0 FTE. Goals and projected costs associated with the reconfiguration were presented. Teachers in attendance shared feedback and questions were asked about the impact of the proposed changes. Mrs. Glenetske recommended moving forward with the reconfiguration plan of K-4 in Evansville and PreK, 5-12 in Brandon, along with the 1.0 FTE.

Action Items:  
Moved by Fuller, seconded by Wagner to approve the following resignations: Dena Onken, Dishwasher  
- Ryan Ostenson, Custodian Motion carried unanimously.  
Moved by Wagner, seconded by Stepan to approve retirement of Pam Schjei, Summer Rec and Paraprofessional. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Mandt, seconded by Beaumia to approve the following contacts: Jeff Anderson, Varsity Golf Coach  
Casey Lipp, Assistant Golf Coach - Lauren LeMay, Business Manager Motion carried unanimously.  
Moved by Stepan, seconded by Wagner to approve reconfiguration (K-4 Evansville, PreK, 5-12 Brandon) and 1.0 FTE teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Starke, seconded by Fuller to approve purchase of Kubota tractor. Motion carried unanimously.  
Moved by Stepan, seconded by Mandt to approve request for PFML Leave for Teresa Paulson, Cook. Motion carried unanimously.  
Moved by Starke, seconded by Mandt to approve academic leave for Erika Traphagen, Spanish. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Fuller, seconded by Stepan to adjourn at 8:47pm. Motion carried unanimously.

### School Board Minutes ISD 2908 Brandon-Evansville Public Schools March 17, 2026

6:00 PM Board Listening Session  
Brandon Gym  
Call to Order:  
Meeting called to order by Chair Jana Anderson at 6:00 PM. Other Board members present included Andy Mandt, Jaci Stepan, Stacy Beaumia, and Rachel Wagner with Paul Starke arriving at 6:07 and Troy Fuller arriving at 6:08. Also present were Louisa Glenetske, Trent Hintermeister, Dave Bedore, Eric Schoenbauer and approximately 100 community members.  
Agenda:

A motion was made to approve the agenda. Motion was carried.

Presentation:  
Superintendent Glenetske presented data and information to the board and community, including data with numbers.

Public Comment:  
The public was allowed an opportunity to comment on the presentation, their opinions, or ask the board questions. The board did respond if they knew the answers to the questions.  
Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

### School Board Minutes ISD 2908 Brandon-Evansville Public Schools March 19, 2026

6:00 PM Board Listening Session  
Ashby Cafeteria  
The board attended the Ashby Board Listening session. Board members present included Jana Anderson, Andy Mandt, Jaci Stepan, Stacy Beaumia, Rachel Wagner, and Paul Starke. Absent was Troy Fuller. Also present were Louisa Glenetske, Trent Hintermeister, and approximately 100 community members.

### School Board Minutes ISD 2908 Brandon-Evansville Public Schools April 7, 2026

Board Work Session following Special Board meeting Brandon Conference

Room  
Call to Order:  
Meeting called to order by Chair Jana Anderson at 8:01 PM. Other Board members present included Stacy Beaumia, Andy Mandt, Paul Starke, Jaci Stepan, Troy Fuller, and Rachel Wagner. Also present were Louisa Glenetske, Trent Hintermeister, Dave Bedore, Travis Gulbrandson, and Jon Moore.

Agenda: No additions  
Discussion:  
Board discussed pairing survey results from community feedback survey.  
Superintendent presented pairing data using current numbers to see what the pairing of all sports would look like if pairing occurred, including team set up and possible locations.  
Board discussed next steps in the discussion process.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:29 pm.

### School Board Minutes ISD 2908 Brandon-Evansville Public Schools April 7, 2026

7:30 PM Special Board Meeting  
Brandon Conference Room

Call to Order:  
Meeting called to order by Chair Jana Anderson at 7:30 PM. Other Board members present included Stacy Beaumia, Andy Mandt, Paul Starke, Jaci Stepan, Troy Fuller, and Rachel Wagner. Also present were Louisa Glenetske, Trent Hintermeister, Dave Bedore, Travis Gulbrandson, Jon Moore, Wade Mckittrick, and Doug Froke.

Agenda:  
A motion was made by Starke, seconded by Stepan, to approve the agenda.

Visitors:  
Wade Mckittrick and Doug Froke presented on Better U Solutions hiring firm.

Action Items:  
Moved by Stepan, seconded by Beaumia to approve resignation of Louisa Glenetske, Superintendent. Motion carried unanimously.  
Moved by Fuller, seconded by Wagner to approve Better U Solutions as hiring firm. Motion carried unanimously.  
Moved by Stepan, seconded by Starke to adjourn at 7:55pm. Motion carried unanimously.

### School Board Minutes ISD 2908 Brandon-Evansville Public Schools April 9, 2026

6:00PM School Board Work Session  
Brandon Conference Room  
Meeting called to order by Chair Jana Anderson at 6:00pm. Other board members present were Stacy Beaumia, Troy Fuller, Andy Mandt, Paul Starke, Rachel Wagner, and Jaci Stepan. Also present were Trent Hintermeister and Eric Schoenbauer as well as the Doug and Wade Mckittrick-representatives from Better U Solutions.

A motion was made by Stepan, seconded by Starke to approve the agenda for the Thursday, April 9th work session. Motion carried unanimously.  
Better U Solutions conducted a leadership analysis for the superintendent search including board input on district strengths and goals and what qualities would further the vision and contribute well to the Brandon-Evansville District. Next steps were discussed to begin candidate search and future dates were discussed for the next parts of the process.  
Wagner made a motion at 10:06 pm to adjourn, Starke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## Fishing info available from DNR

Anglers looking for local fishing information before the Saturday, May 9 fishing opener can check the regional fishing outlooks from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

The outlooks provide details about fishing opportunities and conditions in different parts of the state, including for specific lakes, rivers and streams.

"Conditions at opener could vary significantly based on how far north anglers are fishing," said Leslie George, northeast region fisheries manager. "Cold water and lingering ice can affect fish behavior and positioning, requiring different fishing tactics compared to warmer waters to the south. Even within a waterbody, temperatures can vary by several degrees."

Anglers have many options in addition to fishing for the popular walleye. Back bays of lakes are great for finding abundant bluegill and crappie. Bass catch-and-release fishing is now open and provides additional opportunity. Northern pike are almost always willing to bite, and Minnesota has all kinds of other native rough fish species like sucker species freshwater drum and others that can provide a lot of action and good table fare.

The regional fishing outlooks include details about waters throughout each region and can be found on the Minnesota DNR website. Regional fisheries managers are available to discuss those outlooks with members of the media.

## Public notice

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE  
THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: February 28, 2006  
MORTGAGOR: Lisa M Boots, a single person.  
MORTGAGEE: Washington Mutual Bank, FA.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded March 6, 2006 Douglas County Recorder, Document No. A 280738.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association. Dated March 8, 2013 Recorded March 13, 2013, as Document No. 355975.

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE  
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Washington Mutual Bank, FA

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1021 Bryant Street, Alexandria, MN 56308

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 631752000  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

The South 60 feet of Lot Four (4), Block Five (5), Hick's Third Addition to Alexandria, according to the plat and survey thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Douglas County, Minnesota.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Douglas  
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$111,500.00  
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$71,380.52

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 2, 2026 at 10:00 AM  
PLACE OF SALE: Lobby of Sheriffs Office, 216 Seventh Ave. W., Alexandria, MN 56308

to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within twelve (12) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on July 2, 2027, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: April 17, 2026  
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association  
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee  
LIEBO, WEINGARDEN, DOBIE & BARBEE, P.L.L.P.  
Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee  
4500 Park Glen Road #300  
Minneapolis, MN 55416  
(952) 925-6888  
30 - 26-002790 FC

IN THE EVENT REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW: THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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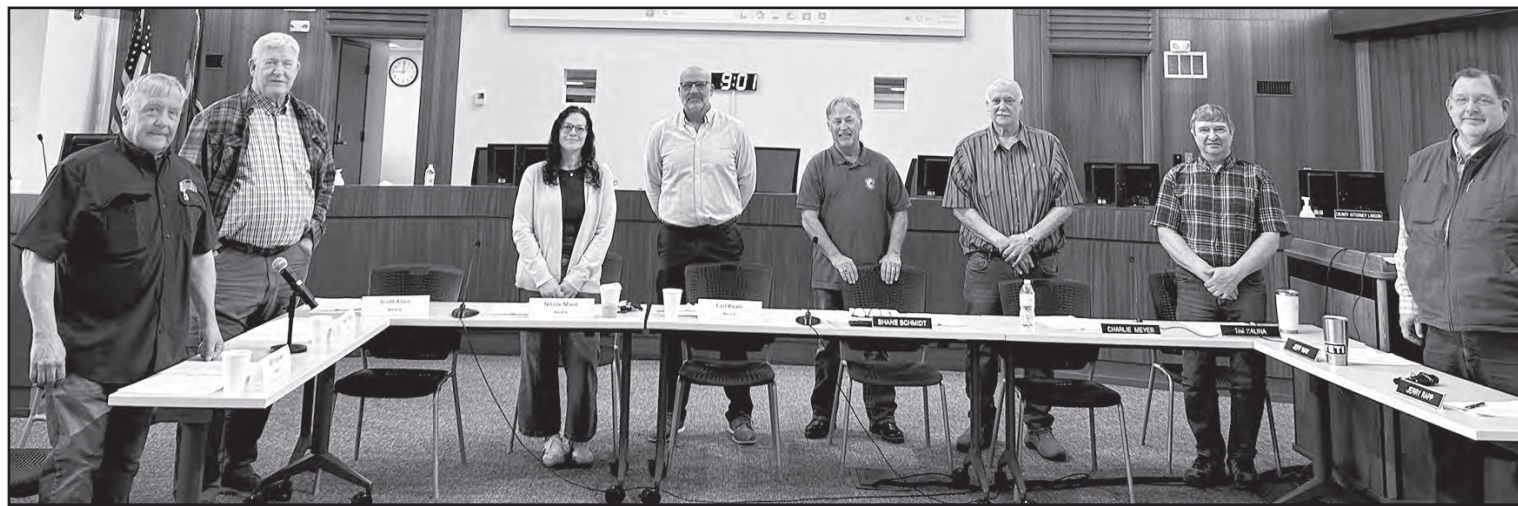
# Commissioners, Alexandria Council members meet

**By Julie Anderson, Douglas County Public Information Officer**

On April 21, Douglas County Commissioners and Alexandria City Council members clearly showed the benefit of meeting together as full bodies. They gathered at the Douglas County Administration building and discussed items that will impact most people who live in and visit the area.

Four high profile construction projects are now better understood. The city updated the group on the planned changes to Highway 29 from 8th Avenue downtown Alexandria to 50th Avenue. Commissioners Jerry Rapp and Tim Kalina shared concerns over the proposed median that will prevent vehicles from turning left into certain businesses. City officials said they are continuing discussions with impacted businesses and the state before the final project details are agreed upon which must happen by June 22.

County Engineer Tim Erickson updated the group on a shared use path which will be built this summer on County State Aid Highway 46 between CSAH 82 and Highway 29. Bicyclists and pedestrians will share the path which will go past



**From left to right are: Alexandria City Council members: Bill Franzen, Roger Thalman, Nicole Mace and Carl Kvale; Douglas County Board of Commssioners members: Shane Schmidt, Charlie Meyer, Tim Kalina and Jeff Way. Present but not pictured is Commissioner Jerry Rapp.**

Discovery School. He said bids will be opened in May and work will be done this fall.

Erickson also updated the elected officials on the bridge upgrade on Highway 29 between Lakes Geneva and Le Homme Dieu. This bridge will replace the box culvert and allow larger boats to safely access both lakes. Erickson said his staff is working diligently to get final plans completed by the end of May but if that can't be accomplished, the bridge may not be constructed until 2027 which will still allow the county to meet the deadline of spending funds, secured by

state legislator Mary Franson, by end of that year.

Emergency Manager Julie Anderson provided information on two locations for severe weather sheltering. One is a city building, the other a county building. Details are still being finalized, but the Primewest Health Runestone Community Center will be available 24/7 during tornado warnings issued by the National Weather Service. Anderson will reach out to nearby mobile home parks, RV Parks, campgrounds and resorts to let them know of this option along with Rainbow Rider, so it has a location

for passengers during severe weather. The county will make interior hallways near the Douglas County Library available 24/7 during tornado warnings. People living in apartments above stores in downtown Alexandria will be notified of this option. Residents and visitors nearby, unable to find adequate shelter, are also welcome.

Alexandria Fire Chief Jeff Karrow presented information on the pros and cons of a Fire District in the county. After extensive discussion, city councilman Bill Franzen said, "This conversation is excellent. We can all find, when we talk to other departments around the area, we are learning.

I want to be clear, this isn't us pressuring, this is more about a conversation. I understand it's brotherhood, it's very territorial and they want to keep their grounds. Knowledge is key with this. Let's keep going down this path."

The problem of unleashed dogs in county and city parks generated a good deal of discussion and a call for action. County Board Chair Shane Schmidt shared a call he had

with a person who was just about wiped out on their bike by a dog running loose in Brophy Park. Park Superintendent Brad Bonk said dogs are supposed to be on a leash at all times. He said they've tried using a bullhorn to shame offenders into compliance, but it hasn't worked. Schmidt said we need to put some teeth into our leash requirement. Land and Resource Management will be hiring a compliance officer whose job will be to take action against offenders of, not only the leash requirement, but other requirements put in place through Land and Resource Management permits.

No action was taken on any of the items discussed.

## OBITUARY

### Clifford Koep

Clifford "Cliff" F. Koep, age 83, of Millerville, died suddenly on Monday, April 20, 2026, at Prairie Ridge Hospital in Elbow Lake.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, May 1, 2026, at Our Lady of Seven Dolours Catholic Church in Millerville with Fr. LeRoy Schik and Deacon Mick Froslee officiating. Full military honors accorded by the Minnesota Honor Guard and the Inspiration Peak American Legion Post 527.

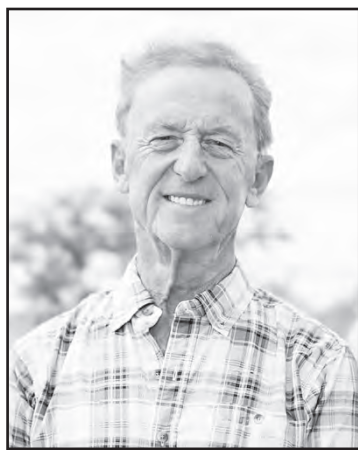
Visitation will begin with a 5 p.m. prayer service followed by visitation until 7 p.m., on Thursday, April 30th, at Lind Family Funeral Home in Alexandria. There will also be visitation on Friday one hour prior to the Mass at church.

Clifford Florian Koep was born on March 27, 1943, to Wendelin J. Sr. and Lorraine (Klimek) Koep on the family farm in Effington Township. He attended country school and later completed two years at Parochial School in Urbank.

Following his education, Cliff worked on the family farm for two years before receiving his driver's license, which opened the door to hauling milk for the Urbank Creamery.

He then proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army National Guard for six years.

Following his time with the creamery, he began what would



become a remarkable career spanning over 50 years with Urbank Bait, where he hauled bait and remained actively working part-time well into his later years.

Cliff was united in marriage to Donna Mae Waldorf on November 16, 1968, at Our Lady of Seven Dolours Catholic Church in Millerville, where he remained a faithful member throughout his life.

Together, they were blessed with two daughters, Julie and Jodi. Cliff found joy in the simple, meaningful things in life.

He enjoyed mowing his lawn—and often helping others with theirs—along with deer hunting and trapping.

He was known for heading out for his "do-ings," rarely missing a family gathering and never arriving empty-handed.

Cliff also took great care in remembering others, often sending birthday and holiday cards.

He enjoyed coffee at all hours

of the day and was known for his incredible luck in raffles. Above all, Cliff's greatest joy was his family, who meant everything to him.

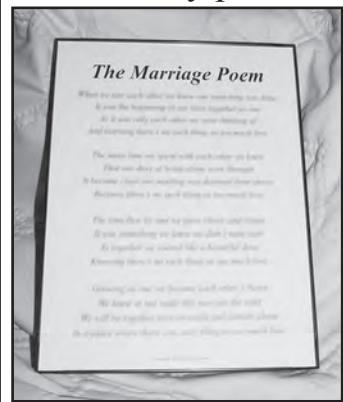
He was preceded in death by his mother Lorraine Koep; father Wendelin Koep, Sr., and stepmother Elreen Koep; infant sisters, Lorraine Koep and Lorraine Koep; brothers, Marvin Koep, Terrance Koep, Ronald Koep, and Jerome Koep; brother-in-law Neil Martenson; and sister-in-law Bernice Koep.

Clifford is survived by his two daughters, Julie (Kirby) Strunk and Jodi Christopherson; seven grandchildren, Shawn (Caitlyn) Strunk, Alyssa (Lindsey Samson) Strunk, Taylor (Shane) Krienke, Isaac Strunk, Ashli (Layne) Evers, Drew Christopherson, and Carter Christopherson; great-grandchildren, Parker and Hudson Strunk, Hadley and Baby Krienke on the way, and Brynlee Evers; six brothers, Wendelin "Junior" (Joan) Koep, Jr., Myron (Virginia) Koep, Allen (Debbie) Koep, Wayne (Carol) Koep, Gerard (Doris) Koep, and Ralph (Connie) Koep; sister Arleen Martenson; step-brother Alan Hagedorn; sister-in-law Anne Koep; along with many nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Urn bearers are his grandchildren.

Arrangements provided by Lind Family Funeral & Cremation Services, www.lindfamilyfh.com

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Derek A. Trosvig, President

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## Public notice

State of Minnesota  
Douglas County  
District Court  
Seventh Judicial District  
Court File Number: 21-PR-26-540  
Case Type: Informal Probate

Notice of Informal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors

In Re The Estate of Gerald M Ljung, AKA Gerald Marvin Ljung, Deceased TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

Notice is hereby given that an application for informal probate of the above-named Decedent's Last Will dated February 1, 2023 has been filed with the Probate Registrar, and the application has been granted. Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following:

Self-Represented Litigant: David M Stellar; Address: 1447 Palou AVE San Francisco CA 94124

as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as Personal Representative, or may object to the appointment of the Personal Representative. Unless objections are filed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-607, and the court otherwise orders, the Personal Representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will, or to the appointment of the personal representative, must be filed with this court, and will be heard by the court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this Notice, or the claims will be barred.

April 8, 2026

/s/ Lea Hippe

Probate Registrar

Kim Peterson

Court Administrator

Publish April 23, 30, 2026

## Public notice

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS  
SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
Court File No. 21-PR-26-192

Estate of Gary Grinstead, aka Gary R. Grinstead,  
Decedent

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will, dated May 11, 2016, and Codicil to the Will, dated April 26, 2024 ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Michelle Stewart, whose address is 19855 Sunny Lane, Starbuck, MN 56381; and Mark Grinstead, whose address is 11335 234th Street, Osakis, MN, 56360, as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as Personal Representative or may object to the appointment of the Co-Personal Representatives. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the Co-Personal Representatives have full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will or appointment of the Co-Personal Representatives must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Co-Personal Representatives or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

A charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceedings be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 501B.41, subdivision 5.

Dated: March 6, 2026

/s/ Lea Hippe

Registrar

Dated: March 6, 2026

Kim Peterson

Court Administrator

Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives

Kelly L. Jenzen

Johnston & Brouillard, P.A.

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Publish April 30, May 2, 2026

## Public notice

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS  
SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
Court File No. 21-PR-26-569

Estate of

Doris I. Johnson,

Decedent

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: FOREIGN PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE ACTING IN MINNESOTA

Notice is given that Jeffrey R. Johnson, residing at 3400 Overlook Dr., St. Petersburg, Florida, 33703 is the domiciliary foreign Personal Representative ("Personal Representative") for the estate of Doris I. Johnson, a resident of the State of Minnesota.

On April 13, 2026, the Personal Representative filed with the Court a document stating an intention to exercise, as to assets in Minnesota, all powers of a local Personal Representative and to maintain actions and proceedings in Minnesota in accordance with Minnesota Statutes section 524.4-205.

Notice is also given that any Minnesota creditor who objects to the Personal Representative's exercise of power over assets in Minnesota must file a written objection within 60 days from the Personal Representative's filing. If no objections are filed, the representative may, after the expiration of the 60 day period, exercise all powers of a local Personal Representative.

Dated: April 14, 2026

Kim Peterson

Court Administrator

Crystal Nelson, Deputy

Attorney for Foreign Personal Representative

Ellen K. Kappmeyer

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## Public notice

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE

FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

Date: April 15, 2026

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

1. Default has occurred in the conditions of that certain Mortgage that was executed by and among Kathryn S. Bartyzal and Brandon Bartyzal, as Mortgages, and Neighborhood National Bank, as Mortgagee, dated April 8, 2024 and recorded, as document number A455960, on April 15, 2024 with the Office of the County Recorder in and for Douglas County, Minnesota.

2. The Mortgage has been assigned as follows: n/a

3. The maximum principal amount secured by the Mortgage was: \$91,000.00.

4. No action or proceeding at law is now pending to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage or any part thereof.

5. The holder of the Mortgage has complied with all conditions precedent both to acceleration of the debt secured by the Mortgage and foreclosure of the Mortgage and with all notice and other requirements of applicable statutes.

6. As of the date of this notice, the amount due on the Mortgage, and taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage is: \$97,693.07.

7. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed on the real property legally described as follows:

Lot Five, Block One, Discovery Townhomes, a Common Interest Community, according to the duly recorded plat thereof.

with the following street address and

tax parcel identification number:

Street Address: 1516 Will O B Lane

NE, Alexandria, Minnesota 56308

Tax Parcel Identification Number: 63-

6151-240

and will be sold by the Sheriff of Douglas County, Minnesota at public auction on Friday, June 12, 2026, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at the Office of the Douglas County Sheriff, 216 Seventh Avenue West, Alexandria, Minnesota 56308.

8. The time allowed by law for redemption by the Mortgages or the Mortgages' personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months after the date of sale.

9. The date on or before which the Mortgages must vacate the property if the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. § 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. § 580.23 is December 12, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

10. THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGORS OR THE MORTGAGORS' PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINN. STAT. § 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Neighborhood National Bank WINTHROP & WEINSTINE, P.A.

By: Benjamin M. Podobinski Benjamin M. Podobinski (#401054)

225 South Sixth Street, Suite 3500 Minneapolis, MN 55402

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Attorneys for Mortgagee Neighborhood National Bank

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# B-E Math Masters teams participate in meets at Fergus Falls

Math Masters is a state wide competition that enables students to compete in different skills in Math. The students compete in a Fact Drill which is 75 Order of Operation Problems they try to do in 5 minutes.

They then compete in four 10-minute Individual rounds of Word Problems. Lastly, five students participate in Three 15 minute team round Word Problems.

The 4th grade Team went to Fergus Falls to participate in Math Masters on Wednesday, April 22nd.

The team of John Becker, Eve Roers, Owen Kratovil, Avery Meissner, and Emmaline Sands placed 11th out of 22 teams.

Declan Tylor and Weston Schoenbauer participated as Individuals. There were 105 students that participated. In the Fact Drill, Declan placed 4th, Eve and John placed 6th, and Emmaline placed 11th.

The 5th grade Team participated in Math Masters on Friday, April 24th in Fergus Falls..

The team of Maverick Bitzan, Evie Meissner, Luke Hennemann, Kylie Kratovil, Zach Schaffran placed 2nd out of 14 teams.

Dax Taylor and Rilynn Bitzan participated as Individuals. Abel Turner also worked with the 5th grade Math Masters but was unable to attend the competition.

There were 66 students who participated.

Maverick placed 1st in the Fact Drill (He also placed 1st in 4th Grade) and placed 5th in the Individual Rounds. Luke tied for 10th in the Fact Drill and placed 3rd in the Individual Round. Kylie tied for 10th in



4th Grade Math Masters members, left to right: Avery Meissner, John Becker, Owen Kratovil, Eve Roers, Emmaline Sands, Weston Schoenbauer and Declan Tylor. Not pictured are Coaches Pam Schjei and Louisa Glenetske.



5th Grade Math Master members, left to right: Coach Pam Schjei, Luke Henneman, Zach Schaffran, Kylie Kratovil, Evie Meissner, Maverick Bitzan, Rilynn Bitzan, Dax Tyler and Coach Louisa Glenetke.

the Fact Drill and placed 18th in the Individual Round. Zachary Schaffran placed 20th in the Individual Round.

Coaches for the teams were Pam Schjei and Louisa Glenetske.

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resilience and future goals for each site to create a plan for planting and ongoing care.

“Some species, like aspen, do a good job of regenerating naturally. For other species, planting seedlings helps us guide nature’s hand,” said Silviculture Program coordinator Chris Gronewold. “We give young trees the best start we can to set the stage for a healthy, resilient forest for decades to come.”

In addition to the DNR’s statutory requirement to ensure sustainable reforestation for each acre harvested, seedlings

are planted on sites affected by natural disturbances, like windstorms or wildfires.

After planting, DNR foresters continue to monitor sites as the trees grow. They remove invasive species and competing vegetation to ensure the young trees thrive and provide the many benefits of a growing forest.

Planting crews moving across the state can plant 2 million seedlings by hand in as little as a month.

In addition to planting seedlings, the DNR uses aerial and

direct seed sowing methods to plant on certain sites, like those difficult to access on foot. Throughout the year, the DNR reforests approximately 7,500 acres using a combination of seeding and planting.

The majority of the DNR’s reforestation work is paid for through the general fund appropriated by the legislature and bonding dollars. Individuals can support additional tree planting efforts through the DNR’s Future Forest Fund ([mndnr.gov/grants/gifts/future\\_forests.html](http://mndnr.gov/grants/gifts/future_forests.html)).



The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is planting nearly 2 million tree seedlings on DNR-managed forest land across the state this spring.

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# Runestone Electric Association holds annual meeting

Runestone Electric Association held its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 22, at the Alexandria Area High School Performing Arts Center. Board of Directors seats were determined in Districts 3, 6, and 7, and scholarships were awarded to 27 students.

Runestone Electric's bylaws allow for uncontested director elections to be elected by acclamation. Three directors ran unopposed and were reelected. These include Jon Winter, District 3; Joel Seela, District 6 and Matthew Mattson, District 7.

Board President Andy Anderson and CEO Al Haman reported on the cooperative's activities and financial condition during the business meeting. Anderson shared the process for restoring power outages and highlighted the Operation Round Up program, the Member Tour held in October, and the REA employee group.

"At year-end, the cooperative's total assets were \$111.5 million. That includes plant assets like the office and warehouse, lines, poles, and transformers. All our ratios exceed lending requirements. The cooperative finished 2025 with 151 net new services," said CEO Haman. Inflation, Mid-Continent Independent System Operator (MISO) market dynamics, demand side management programs, Minnesota's carbon-free by 2040 law, Minnesota's nuclear moratorium, and data centers were also discussed in the CEO Report.

Twenty-seven students whose parents or guardians are REA members received \$1,000 scholarships funded through unclaimed capital credits. Randomly drawn from each of the seven REA districts, winners include:

Rowan Boesl, Rowan's parents are Brent & Amanda Boesl, Parkers Prairie

Sophie Pfeffer, Sophie's parents are Ken & Kristine Pfeffer, Parkers Prairie

Samara Groetsch, Samara's parents are Corey & Stephanie Groetsch, Carlos

Olivia Suchy, Olivia's parents are Jacob & Jacki Suchy, Parkers Prairie

Hayden Lenarz, Hayden's parents are Thomas & Denise Lenarz, Sartel

Ava Klimek, Ava's parents are Daniel & Sarah Klimek, Alexandria

Jaiden Anderson, Jaiden's parents are Tyler & Kellie Anderson, Evansville

Whitney Blume, Whitney's parents are Dominic & Charlene Blume, Elbow Lake

Carter Kjesbo, Carter's parents are Brian & Nicole Kjesbo, Barrett

Julian Ramos, Julian's parents are Jorge Ramos & Stephanie Rutten-Ramos, Farwell

Rose Schonberg, Rose's

parents are Nathan & Jessica Schonberg, Farwell

Benjamin Dehne, Benjamin's parents are Jason & Danelle Dehne, Montevideo

Abbey Walz, Abby's parents are John & Amanda Walz, Alexandria

Lacey Siira, Lacey's parents are Andy & Emily Siira, Brandon

Meadow Zimpel, Meadow's parents are Philip & Kyrsten Zimpel, Alexandria

Sullivan Rooney, Sullivan's parents are Ryan & Hannah Rooney, Alexandria

Rebecca Wold, Rebecca's parents are Jared & Pamela Wold, Alexandria

Lillyana Gylsen, Lillyana's parents are Lee & Kim Gylsen, Alexandria

Maddi Bouldin, Maddi's parents are Shawn & Jessi Bouldin, Nelson

Levi Middendorf, Levi's parents are Travis & Jen Middendorf, Osakis

Maari Kvidt, Maari's parents are Ben & Abbey Kvidt, Alexandria

Amelia Crossley, Amelia's parents are Larry & Darla Crossley, Carlos

Nora Anderson, Nora's parents are Mikkel & Amanda Anderson, Kensington

Trayton Zeithamer, Trayton's parents are Randy Zeithamer & Tammy Zeithamer, Starbuck

Lily Mahoney, Lily's parents are Paul & Christine Mahoney, Kensington

Kendall Brueggemeier, Kendall's parents are Brandon Brueggemeier & Lisa Hilgers Brueggemeier, Waconia

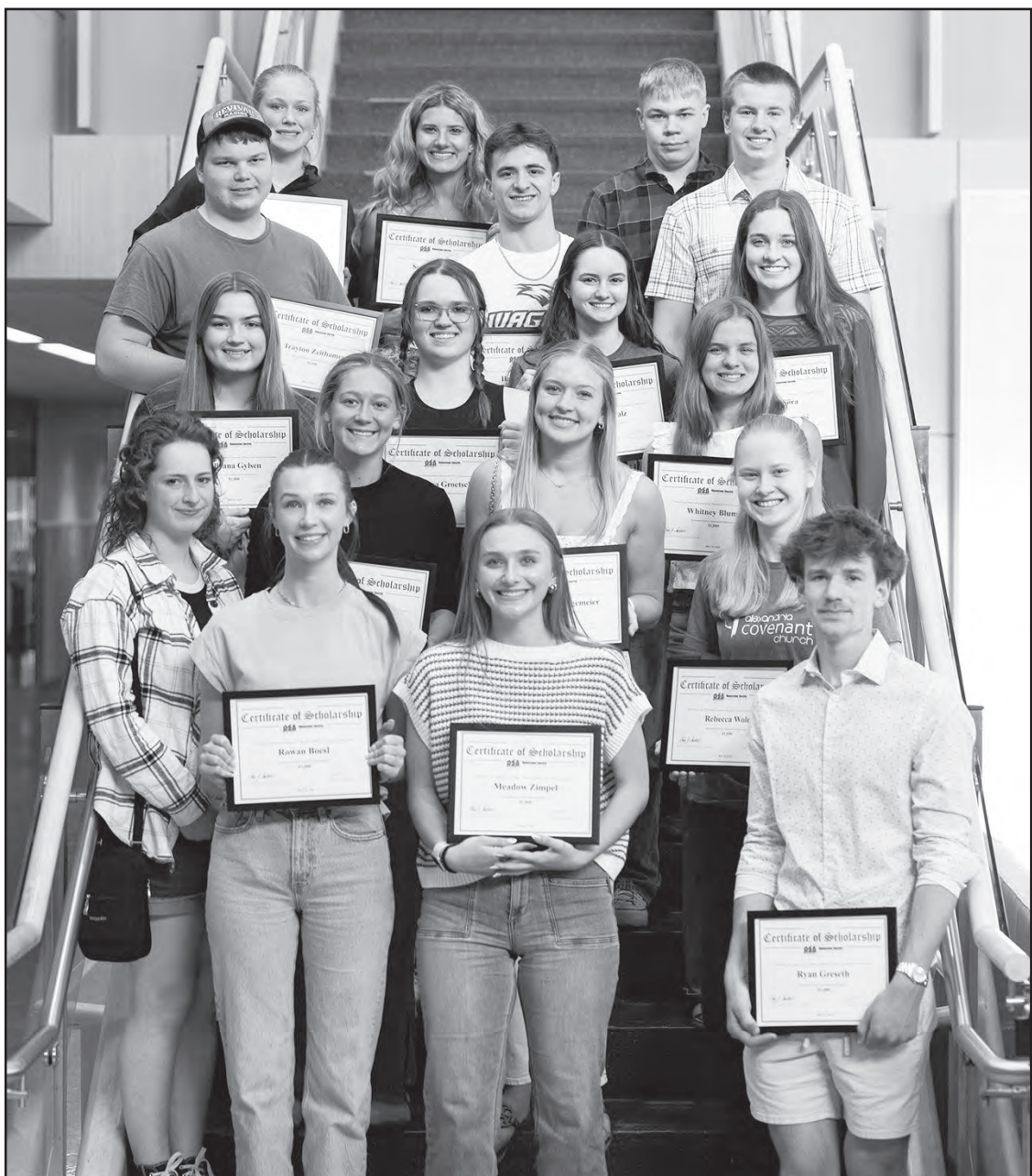
Ryan Greseth, Ryan's parents are Cory & Melanie Greseth, Villard

Immediately following the adjournment of the meeting, the Board of Directors held a Reorganization Meeting to elect officers. Elected were Gary (Andy) Anderson (District 1), President; Mike Loken (District 5), Vice President; Matthew Mattson (District 7), Treasurer; and Dave Staples (District 4), Secretary. Other directors include Barbara Johnson (District 2), Jon Winter (District 3), and Joel Seela (District 6).

Runestone Electric Association serves over 15,500 accounts in the rural areas of Douglas, Pope, Grant, Stevens, Ottertail, Stearns, and Todd counties.

For more information on the REA Annual Meeting or to view the video, please visit: <https://www.runestoneelectric.com/about-rea/annual-meeting/>

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Scholarship recipients were recognized during the meeting. Students who were able to attend include: From upper left, left to right: Amelia Crossley, Sophie Pfeffer, Levi Middendorf, Sullivan Rooney, Trayton Zeithamer, Hayden Lenarz, Lillyana Gylsen, Samara Groetsch, Abbey Walz, Lacey Siira, Maddi Bouldin, Kendall Brueggemeier, Whitney Blume, Rose Schonberg, Rowan Boesl, Meadow Zimpel, Rebecca Wold, and Ryan Greseth.

## PHCT accepting applications for scholarships

The Pioneer Heritage Conservation Trust (PHCT) is currently accepting applications for our \$1,500 Student Scholarship program, available to qualifying students attending a college or university in the fall of 2026.

Applicants must live in one of the four counties PHCT serves: Douglas, Grant, Pope or Ottertail. In addition, students must major in one of the following fields: Wildlife, Conservation or Natural Resources.

The number of \$1,500.00 scholarships available each year will be determined by the PHCT Board of Directors. Application deadline is May 31, 2026.

Established in 1985, the Mission of the Trust is to promote long-term stewardship of the land and its resources through conservation projects, conservation education, grants, and scholarships. Members and guests are invited to attend the quarterly meetings held in Evansville.

For more information, including application forms visit: [www.phctrust.org](http://www.phctrust.org) or email to: [pioneerhct@gmail.com](mailto:pioneerhct@gmail.com).

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